

Childhood Trauma Initiative

Office of Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz

Innovation in Substance Misuse Prevention: The Role of Childhood Trauma in the Opioid Crisis



About the Conference

Drugs are effective coping mechanisms for youth seeking relief from trauma caused by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Research stemming from Dr. Vincent Felitti and the original ACEs Study shows that as ACEs increase, so does the risk youth have in misusing substances, such as intravenous drugs. Dr. Felitti explains that after youth experience trauma, coping devices, like alcohol, tobacco, and opioids, are effective means for short-term emotional healing, but lead to long-term risks like addiction.

Focus Areas



Understanding
ACEs



ACEs and
Juvenile
Justice System



Police & School
Communication



Education
Based
Programs

Conference Details

November 8, 2017

Hotel 1620
Plymouth, MA

Coffee & Registration

7:30 AM - 8:30AM

Conference

8:30 AM - 3:00PM

Registration

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